

“THE WEEKLY FORERUNNER” *Our Parish Weekly Bulletin*

O Holy John, Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptizer of the Lord, pray to God for us!

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Christ Is Risen! *(responded with: Indeed, He Is Risen!)* Christos Voskrese! *(Voistinu Voskrese!)* We are happy that you have joined us today! It is our pleasure to have you in our presence this morning and we wish God’s Blessings to all who visit with us today and hope you stop again soon! Please see Fr. Dave if you have any questions in regards to our worship or Orthodoxy.

UPCOMING SERVICES

SUNDAY, MAY 8

3rd Sunday of Pascha; Sunday of the Myrrhbearing Women; Joseph of Arimathea, & Nicodemus
9:20 am Paschal Canon; 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
Epistle: Acts 6:1–7; Gospel: Mark 15:43–16:8
Panachida for deceased Mothers

THURSDAY, MAY 12 - Moleben is canceled

SUNDAY, MAY 15

4th Sunday of Pascha; Sunday of the Paralytic
9:20 am Paschal Canon; 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
Epistle: Acts 9:32-42; Gospel: John 5:1-15
Tone 3; Liturgical Color: **White**
Urgent Parish Meeting & Vote for Duncan Avenue

TUESDAY, MAY 17

7:00 pm Akathist to the Inexhaustible Cup

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18 – MID-FEAST OF PENTECOST

9:30 am Divine Liturgy

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*There is no kneeling in prayer and omit
“O Heavenly King” from your prayers for 50 days*

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Calendar - Future Services are updated online at:
www.orthodoxpittsburgh.com/parish-calendar
(Please see Fr. Dave if you want a printed copy)

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Live-Broadcast – If you are unable to attend church services, please pray along with our Cathedral online:

www.acrod.org/organizations/cathedral/live/

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RELOCATION UPDATE

It is with the joy of our Lord's Resurrection that I share with you this amazing relocation opportunity that is before us at:

2201 Duncan Avenue
Allison Park, PA 15101

It was formerly used by the Allison Park Assembly of God church, but they moved down the street. Currently it is being rented to a group on the weekends.

Here is a "walk through" of the building: After parking in one of about 28 spaces, there are zero steps to enter the air conditioned lobby which leads to the space for our services (59 feet by 39 feet) and in the other direction are the bathrooms and a sitting area. Down a flight of stairs is a big social room (44'x24'), classrooms, offices, space for a library, and a kitchen. Outside there is also some green space on the ¾ of an acre lot. The listing price is \$400k.

I, Larry (council president), and Sharon (chair of the relocation committee) feel that it is critical that we move quickly on this. Other properties and empty lots that we have looked at cost \$650,000 and up. Additionally, past properties that we looked at were not as move in ready as this location practically is. It is such a blessing that this opportunity is out there!

Here is our timeline:

- ✧ **May 8** - coffee social discussion of the opportunity
- ✧ **Friday, May 13**, “Open House” from 7 to 8 pm
- ✧ **Saturday, May 14** “Open House” from 9 to 10 am
- ✧ **Sunday, May 15** a presentation, Q&A, and vote on this great opportunity to bid on this property

You may feel that this is quick, but we are all well aware that we have been in this process for many years. With the way real estate is right now - we cannot delay. Let’s grow Orthodoxy in a safer area!

- Fr. Dave Urban

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BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please have submissions to Fr. Dave by Wednesday)

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* **Basket Raffle Returns!** – Here are the details: **Saturday, May 21st.** Doors open at 3pm with dinner starting at **4pm** and the raffle of over 25 baskets to follow. Tickets are \$20 in advance for adults (\$25 at the door), \$10 for youth (6-17), kids 5 and under are free, or there is a \$50 Family Admission. Ticket donation includes: Admission, 8 Basket Raffle Tickets, 1 Complimentary Drink, and a homemade Italian Pasta Dinner with Appetizer, Salad Bar, and Dessert. (Extra Raffle tickets may also be purchased at the event.) For reservations, please sign up on the sheet in the hall, call / text 412-748-0148, or email OrthodoxPittsburgh1932@gmail.com. *** **Baskets are needed.** Please sign up in the hall if you are able to bring a basket or to help at the event.

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* **Senior Retreat at Camp Nazareth** – for ages 55 and up will be from **May 10-12**. Please see this month’s Voice Newsletter for more information or contact Fr. Dave.

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** **Bourbon Tasting** – The IOCC is hosting a Bourbon Tasting **Thursday, May 12** at 7pm at Leaf & Bean (3525 Washington Rd., McMurray, PA 15317). The \$50 ticket includes: a Leaf & Bean gift, 3 bourbon samples, and light hors d’oeuvres. Proceeds to Benefit Ukraine Relief Efforts. Register online at: www.iocc.org/Pittsburgh.

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* **Calling All Graduates** – Please notify Fr. Dave of your graduation information by **May 15**. High School Students: *your High School, any academic and/or athletic awards, and where you will attend in the Fall with your intended major in college (or undecided at this time).* Trade School, College, Graduate and Post-Graduate Students: *where you went, your field of study, and degree you will earn.*

PASCHAL GREETING:

(use instead of ‘hello’, before ‘good morning’, etc.)

Christ is risen!

(responded with: Indeed He is risen!)

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THIS BULLETIN IS OFFERED

in memory of +Michael Hudak *(anniversary)*.
May she be remembered in God’s Memory forever! Eternal Memory! Christ is risen!

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** **Cemetery Grave Blessings** has been changed to **Sunday, May 22nd**. We will celebrate a Panachida after Liturgy and then head to the cemeteries after coffee social. *** *If your loved ones are not at one of the two nearby cemeteries, please schedule a time with Fr. Dave to meet (if possible) before the Feast of Ascension.*

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** **Welcome to the Newly-Baptized! Molly Rose Blobner** was baptized and initiated into the Orthodox faith yesterday. May God give strength to her as she begins her Christian life and bless her, her parents, God-Parents, and families! Many Years!

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* **100th Anniversary** - Mark your calendars for St. John the Baptist in Ambridge’s 100th Anniversary celebration on **July 10, 2022**. If you, or anyone you know, are interested in placing an ad in the 100th Anniversary program book or attending the July 10 banquet, please contact John Righetti as soon as possible (email: rusynone@gmail.com or call / text: 412-518-7149)

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Paschal Greeting in Church Slavonic:

Christos voskrese! *(Voistinu voskrese!)*

If greeted in a language you are unfamiliar with, translate, respond in English, then learn the response

* **Family Camp at Camp Nazareth** – Cabins are still available for this year’s Family Camp from **Friday, June 3 to Sunday, June 5** (prior to Family Day). Please see this month’s Voice Newsletter for more information or contact Fr. Dave.

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* **Family Day at Camp Nazareth** will be on **Sunday, June 5**. Divine Liturgy will be at 10 am. There will be great food, music entertainment, swimming, craft activities, games, and more! The pricing for lunch is as follows: Adults: \$10; Children 5-13: \$6; Children Under 5: Free; Family Price: \$30 (*Includes 2 Parents & All Children Under Age 13*)

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*** **Altar Boy Retreat** – The Diocesan Altar Boy Retreat will be in Johnstown, PA from **Sunday, June 26 to Wednesday, June 29**. We encourage our boys to attend. More details are coming...

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** **Young Women’s Encounter** - Registration is now open for the Diocesan Young Women's Encounter at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Windber, PA from **Sunday, June 26 to Wednesday, June 29**. We encourage our young women, ages 12-18 to attend. Please see this month’s Voice Newsletter for more information or contact Fr. Dave.

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* **Pittsburgh Deanery Week at Camp Nazareth** is **July 17-23**. Registration for all campers, ages 8-18 has begun. Information is available on the Camp’s Website: www.campnazareth.org.

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* **Annual Church Picnic** – “The Cabin” in North Park is booked for **Sunday, July 31st** for our summer picnic. Please update your calendars to the new date.

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* **90th Anniversary Update** – Planning continues for our upcoming celebration on **October 9, 2022**. The luncheon will be held at Pittsburgh's Grand Hall at the Priory on the North Side. If you have suggestions for favors, a program book, or photo slide show, etc., please see Gina Fall or Larry Martin.

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*Paschal Greeting in Romanian:
Hristos a înviat! (Adevărat a înviat!)*

OUR STEWARDSHIP GIFTS TO GOD

Stewardship Offerings:	\$ 348
Candle Stewardship:	\$ 85
Envelope Stewardship:	\$ 225
Total Collections:	\$ 658
Relocation Fund:	\$ 70

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Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials were offered last week by Nelson Family; Tim Martin; Lawrence Martin; Melanie Shuster; Mirilovich Family; Cindy Pavilonis

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On-Line Giving is available from our parish website to donate to the: *General Stewardship Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, and/or Relocation Fund*. The best option is to come to church and give your offering to God in His Temple (2nd best is to mail it in to Tim Martin, 2225 McAleer Rd., Sewickley, PA 15143). If you miss coming to church for a week, online giving allows you another option to “catch up” on your weekly stewardship. You can also set up a recurring donation online. For our parish to continue it’s ministries, outreach, and general bill paying, your generosity and stewardship is needed.

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Additional Material can be found in “The Voice” monthly newsletter on the first Sunday of the month as well as the article on the cover of this bulletin.

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VISIT OUR DIOCESE ON-LINE

Diocesan Website: www.acrod.org
Camp Nazareth: www.campnazareth.org
FB: www.facebook.com/acroddiocese
Twitter: twitter.com/acrodnews
YouTube: youtube.com/acroddiocese

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SUNDAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Acts 6:1–7

Seven Chosen to Serve

6 Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. 2 And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up

preaching the word of God to serve tables. 3 Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. 4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” 5 And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Proch’orus, and Nica’nor, and Timon, and Par’menas, and Nicola’us, a proselyte of Antioch. 6 These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. 7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

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Gospel: Mark 15:43–16:8

43 Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. 44 And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. 45 And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. 46 And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. 47 Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

The Resurrection of Jesus

16 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2 And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. 3 And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?” 4 And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back—it was very large. 5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. 6 And he said to them, “Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.” 8 And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

LIVES OF THE SAINTS

St. Aninanus, Second Bishop Of Alexandria (86)

Commemorated on May 8 / April 25

When St Mark the Apostle first came to Alexandria, he tore one of his shoes and took it to a cobbler. While the cobbler, whose name was Aninanus, was working, he drove his awl through his hand, injuring himself badly. The Apostle mixed dust with his spittle and anointed the hand, which immediately became whole. Amazed at the miracle, Aninanus invited St Mark to his house, listened to him as he proclaimed the Gospel, believed, and was baptized along with his household. Such was Aninanus' zeal for the Gospel that St Mark made him bishop of the Christians in the city. He was the second Bishop of Alexandria.

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PRAYER CORNER

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For the Health of... Maria, Amy, Andrea, Pani Deborah, Fr Dcn Artemius, Fr George P, Fr Michael, Pani Karen, Thomas, Joseph, Carol, Kelly, Michelle, Paul, Kathleen, John, Joanne, Barbara, Brian, Kristina, Sean, Julia, Susan, Juliana, Fredrick, Kenneth, Michael, and Roberta ...through the prayers of St. Nectarios the Wonderworker; St. Luke, the Surgeon; and St. Panteleimon, the Healer.

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For the souls of the newly departed... +Shirley Lorenzi (5/4), +Lino Conti (5/2), +Garry Omlar (4/30), +Donald Shelpman (4/21), +Andrew M. Halapin (4/14), +Richard Prough (4/1) ...*May the Lord God grant them blessed repose where there is no pain sorrow or mourning. May they be Eternal in God’s Memory.*

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Paschal Notes – For 40 days from Pascha (Easter) until Ascension, we greet each other by saying, “Christ is risen!” (responding with “Indeed, He is risen!”). We can also adjust our before and after meal prayers.

The prayer to the Holy Spirit, “O Heavenly King”, is **not said** at home or in church during this season until the Feast of the Decent of the Holy Spirit: Pentecost (June 12). Instead we say or sing the Paschal Tropar, “Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down...” (*three times*) until the Feast of Ascension (June 2).

During the 50 days from Pascha to Pentecost, we **do not kneel or make prostrations** in church in keeping with the joyful and festal character of the season. We begin to kneel and do prostrations again with the Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost that Sunday evening.

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**CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, TRAMPLING
DOWN DEATH BY DEATH AND UPON THOSE IN
THE TOMBS BESTOWING LIFE!**

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Paschal Greeting in Greek:
Khristós anésti! (*Alithós anésti!*)

Paschal Greeting in Italian:
Cristo è risorto! (*È veramente risorto!*)

Paschal Greeting in Spanish:
¡Cristo ha resucitado!
(*¡En verdad ha resucitado!*)

Paschal Greeting in Swahili:
Kristo amefufukka! (*Kweli amefufukka!*)

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An Orthodox Prayer for Mental Health
O Master, Lord my God, in Whose hands is my destiny: Help me according to Your mercy, and leave me not to perish in my transgressions, nor allow me to follow them who place desires of the flesh over those of the spirit. I am Your creation; disdain not the work of Your hands. Turn not away; be compassionate and humiliate me not, neither scorn me, O Lord, as I am weak. I have fled unto You as my Protector and God. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You. Save me for Your mercy’s sake, for I have cleaved unto You from my youth; let me who seeks You not be put to shame by being rejected by You for my unclean actions, unseemly thoughts, and unprofitable remembrances. Drive away from me every filthy thing and excess of evil. For You alone are holy, alone mighty, and alone immortal, in all things having unexcelled might, which, through You, is given to all that strive against the devil and the might of his armies. For unto You is due all glory, honor and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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Spiritual Vitamin:
“Pascha is the feast of freedom, joy and peace. We solemnly praise the Resurrection of Christ through which we experience our own co-resurrection. And we faithfully worship the great mystery of Divine Economy and we share in “the feast that is common to all.”
+ Bartholomew of Constantinople,
Holy Pascha 2022

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SPIRITUAL CONSIDERATIONS

Father is available to meet Monday thru Friday from 8:30am to 3:00pm or by appointment.

Online Community: Please email Fr. Dave to receive the weekly bulletin via email.

Parish Phone Tree - Please call Fr. Dave to be added.

Emergency Sick Calls – Please notify Fr Dave when you or a family member are going into the hospital or

having a procedure. He will pray with you and you will receive the Mystery of Holy Anointing (Unction) to be fully prepared.

Mystery of Confession – Opportunities are available after every service, most Saturdays during fasting periods from 11am to 1pm, OR by appointment.

Holy Communion/Eucharist – The reception of the Holy Eucharist is encouraged for all Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves, with fasting from midnight on, regular Confession, and forgiveness for all people. Those who are not Orthodox may receive *a blessing* from the chalice.

Lapsed Members – You are always welcome home and we want you back! Generally speaking, sincere participation in the Mysteries of Confession, Communion, and regular attendance at the divine services are all that is required to begin parish life anew! See Fr. Dave for specific details.

Baptisms – Two God-parents are required, at least one of whom must be Orthodox by faith (and the other a practicing Christian). In the case of infants, the newly-baptized must have one name that is Christian in origin. Parents/grandparents/guardians must also promise to bring the child up in an Orthodox Christian way of life. Please consult Fr. Dave for more details.

Adult Chrismation – New parishioners are always welcome! In the case of adults seeking entrance into the Church, a period of prescribed catechism will be established with Fr. Dave before administration of the Mysteries. An Orthodox Christian sponsor is also required.

Marriages – are only solemnized on Saturdays or Sundays. They are not performed during fasting periods and certain Feast Days. Please consult Fr. Dave ASAP for more details (*before* arrangements are made for the hall).

Church Funerals – are provided for practicing Orthodox Christians who are current in their spiritual responsibilities and their stewardship. Otherwise, burial is from the funeral home. The Church does not permit cremation.

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“The cremation of bodies is not a Christian act. It is a custom of modern times. The body of a Christian has been sanctified with the Grace of the Holy Spirit, and

as such may not be burned. God did not create our bodies for burning.” - Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica

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PRAYER CORNER

*Our Parish Prayer List for
Special Intentions and Other Needs**

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A Prayer For The Sick:

O Christ, You alone are prompt to defend us; quickly visit Your suffering servant *name(s)*. Through the prayers of the Theotokos, deliver *him/her/them* from sickness and bitter pain. Heal *him/her/them* so that *he/she/they* may sing to You and always praise You for You alone love us. Amen.

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For the Special Intentions of... His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew, Metropolitan Gregory, Fr. David S., Fr. Myron, Dcn. Michael L., Laura & family, Carlene, Georgia, Eleanora, Mark, Michaleana, Dorell, Donald, Susan, Stephen, David, Anastasia, Nicholas, Cassandra, Alexander, Andrea, Jason, Tyrone, Sarah, Amee, Joshua, John, Kathryn, Rose, Charles, Justin *our diocesan seminarians:* Dylan, Nicholas W., Thomas, Samuel, Timothy, Nicholas F, Aydin, Subdeacon Seamus, Nicholas L., *and our Church Council, Curators, and Relocation Committee:* Lawrence, Matthew, Timothy, Theresa, Rich, Gina, Robert, Jane, Mary Jane, Katherine, Kenneth, John, Wendy, Margaret, John, Patricia, John, Todd *and for those who labor towards our Community Outreaches ...through the prayers of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker; St. John the Baptist; the*

Archangels Michael & Gabriel; and the Theotokos
and Ever-Virgin Mary.
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May Namedays:
Subdeacon Ryan Ferko – St. Thomas Sunday (5/1)
Robert Fall - St Robert, Abbot of Blois (5/8)
Mark Tongel - St. Mark the Evangelist (5/8)
Renee Mirilovich - Great-martyr Irene (5/18)
Christopher Bowser - Martyr Christopher (5/22)
Christopher Kubis - Martyr Christopher (5/22)
...*May God grant them many and blessed years!*
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May Birthdays:
Anna Karoline Dzacony (5/3), Fr Matthew Stagon
(5/4), Donald Bodnar (5/6), Apryle Horbal (5/6),
Fr Thomas Soroka (5/6), Ethan Gogal (5/7), Ella
Kovats (5/9), Dr Phillip Labas (5/10), Jillian Gaydos
(5/14), Robert Mozes (5/16), Pañi Alexandra Urban
(5/16), Patrick Wertz (5/19), Linda Gavulich (5/20),
Kenneth Parks (5/22), Elias Mainolfi (5/24), Sean
Watson (5/26), Alexander Hanchulak (5/27), Fr
Jonathan Tobias (5/27), Michael Horbal (5/29),
Melanie Shuster (5/30) ...*May God allow them to
grow in peace and love all the days of their lives and
may He grant them many and blessed years!*
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For our Catechumens & Inquirers... Tyler, Susan,
Marilynn, John ...*through the prayers of St. Paul the
Apostle, St. Mary Magdalene, & St. John
Maximovitch.*
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For those preparing for Marriage... Justin & Erica,
Francis & Alexandra, Nicole & Dustin ...*through the
prayers of Sts. Adrian & Natalia and all Holy
Martyrs.*
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May Anniversaries:
Father’s Godparents, Dick & Andrea Babbie (5/7)
Father’s Best Man, Joe & Sarah Lavra (5/7)
Father’s sister, Melissa & Christopher Ditmore (5/17)
Fr Dave’s Ordination to the Priesthood (5/17)
Ashley & Derrick Andrekovich (5/19)
Ernest & Claudia (Herbert) Pido (5/19)
Fr Dave & Pañi Alexandra (5/25)
Jim & Katherine Schrmack (5/26)
Anthony & Donna Horbal (5/27)

...*through the prayers of St. Nicholas Planas*
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For Pregnant Mothers... Allison (*due in May*),
Marilynn (*June*), Stacey (*June*), Sammy (*June*),
Caitlin (*September*) , Mallory (*September*), Brittany ()
...*through the prayers of St. Anna, the mother of the
Virgin Mary, and St. Irene Chrysovalantou.*
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**For those serving in the Armed Forces & Civil
Authorities...** Thomas R. Dzacovsky and Trevor
Meegan ...*through the prayers of St George, the
Great-Martyr & Wonderworker.*
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* This is to be used for the special intentions of our
brothers and sisters in Christ and can be inserted as a
prayer itself into our daily prayers. Please let Fr. Dave
know if you wish to make additions or subtractions (*in the
case of answered prayers*) to our Parish List. The words
of the Gospel are true: **it is good to pray for one another.**
Let this be a place where we lay out our concerns and beg
the help of our brothers & sisters in Christ. *This prayer
list is **NOT** limited to only Orthodox Christians.*

DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

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A Prayer for Peace
Almighty God and Creator, You are the Father of
all people on the earth. Guide, I pray, all the
nations and their leaders in the ways of justice and
peace. Protect us from the evils of injustice,
prejudice, exploitation, conflict and war. Help us
to put away mistrust, bitterness and hatred. Teach
us to cease the storing and using of implements of
war. Lead us to find peace, respect and freedom.
Unite us in the making and sharing of tools of
peace against ignorance, poverty, disease and
oppression. Grant that we may grow in harmony
and friendship as brothers and sisters created in
Your image, to Your honor and praise. Amen.
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The Jesus Prayer

(*Inhale*) O Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God,
(*Exhale*) have mercy on me, a sinner!

(*Repeat until your heart is calm...*)

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A prayer for our Neighborhoods
by Archbishop Demetrios of America
I pray to you, God, for the families of my
neighborhood. Visit them. Throw their troubles
out of them and bring hope. Make the daily cares
that devour the heart disappear. Present solutions
to life’s problems. Settle the disturbed
relationships among members of different
families whom I know or do not know. O Lord,
remind the people of our area that You exist, that
You are a strong and loving Protector. Keep
away, Lord, anything that causes the
disappearance of peace from souls, and the
escape of sleep from our eyes. Stay a little while
more tonight in our neighborhood. Spread peace
along with the night. Let the harshness of the day
and its struggles not spread over the night. Amen.

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A Prayer for our Diocesan Clergy
O Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd of Your sheep,
light the fire of ardent love in the hearts of all Your
priests, that they may ever and in all things seek
only Your glory. Remember especially, Lord, our
Bishop (*name*), and our spiritual father (*name*), and
all our diocesan clergy, who are laboring in Your
vineyard for the salvation of all those whom You
have entrusted to them. Make their lives as holy as
the word they preach. Keep them from being
discouraged. Hear their prayers for our salvation.
Give them wisdom and courage to proclaim Your
truth. Make them priests after Your own heart. For
You are a merciful God Who loves us and to You
we give glory, together with Your eternal Father
and Your all-holy, good and life-giving- Spirit, now
and ever and forever. Amen.

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Paschal Greeting in Arabic:
El Messieh kahm! (*Hakken kahm!*)

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STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

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Stewardship of Treasure Guide													
Weekly offering to God through the Sunday Offertory - Will you take a step up?													
Weekly Income	Beyond a Tithe 15%	Tithe 12%	Upper Range 10%	Giving 9%	Giving 8%	Giving 7%	Giving 6%	Giving 5%	Giving 4%	Giving 3%	Giving 2%	Giving 1%	
\$200	\$30	\$24	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$2	
\$300	\$45	\$36	\$30	\$27	\$24	\$21	\$18	\$15	\$12	\$9	\$6	\$3	
\$400	\$60	\$48	\$40	\$36	\$32	\$28	\$24	\$20	\$16	\$12	\$8	\$4	
\$500	\$75	\$60	\$50	\$45	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5	
\$600	\$90	\$72	\$60	\$54	\$48	\$42	\$36	\$30	\$24	\$18	\$12	\$6	
\$700	\$105	\$84	\$70	\$63	\$56	\$49	\$42	\$35	\$28	\$21	\$14	\$7	
\$800	\$120	\$96	\$80	\$72	\$64	\$56	\$48	\$40	\$32	\$24	\$16	\$8	
\$900	\$135	\$108	\$90	\$81	\$72	\$63	\$54	\$45	\$36	\$27	\$18	\$9	
\$1,000	\$150	\$120	\$100	\$90	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10	
\$1,100	\$165	\$132	\$110	\$99	\$88	\$77	\$66	\$55	\$44	\$33	\$22	\$11	
\$2,000	\$300	\$240	\$200	\$180	\$160	\$140	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40	\$20	
\$3,000	\$450	\$360	\$300	\$270	\$240	\$210	\$180	\$150	\$120	\$90	\$60	\$30	

1. Find where YOU are on the chart (your weekly income/giving).
2. Move one block to the left to determine what GROW ONE% would be.

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**THE ANGEL EXCLAIMED TO HER, “FULL OF
GRACE, REJOICE O PURE VIRGIN. AGAIN I SAY
REJOICE, YOUR SON IS RISEN FROM HIS THREE
DAYS IN THE TOMB, AND HE HAS RAISED ALL
THE DEAD. LET ALL PEOPLE REJOICE!”**

**O SHINE, O SHINE, O NEW JERUSALEM: FOR THE
GLORY OF THE LORD IS RISEN UPON YOU. O
ZION, SING WITH JOY AND REJOICE. AND YOU,
PURE MOTHER OF GOD, REJOICE IN THE
RESURRECTION OF YOUR SON.**

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ONLINE BULLETIN BONUS

Sadness to joy
Have you ever visited the grave of a friend or a
relative? Maybe you brought some flowers to put
there, or maybe you visited to say a prayer.
Today we remember a group of women who woke up
early one morning to visit the grave of somebody they
loved very much, our Lord, Jesus Christ. They
brought bottles of myrrh so that they could give the
tomb a sweet smell. On the way, they were sad and

worried. They knew a big stone lay across the tomb, and they wouldn’t be able to get inside. But when they got to the tomb, they were amazed! The huge stone was rolled away, and an angel was inside! “You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen!” said the angel.

Later, we see how their sadness turned into joy! Sometimes, we might think about what God has planned for us, how He opened heaven for us so that we can be with Him forever. In heaven, there is no pain or suffering. When we think about that, our sadness will turn to joy too!

The angel told the women to tell everybody the good news. We can also tell people the good news when we say, “Christ is risen!”

Today, we remember the love these women had for their Lord. And we know we can try to follow their example too!

From this week’s Children’s Word

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